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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

Pursuant to the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 CFR 1.56 and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97 and 1.98, the following information is brought to the attention of the Examiner for consideration during examination of the instant application.

Applicant submits herewith a copy of an International Search Report (in English) dated November 20, 2003 and conducted in International Application No. PCT/US02/35569, which is a counterpart of the instant application. In particular the International Examiner cited:

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(1) EP 0 741 380;

(2) EP 0 388 282;

(3) US 5,576,736;

(4) US 5,844,541;

(5) EP 0 528 152;

(6) US 4,630,234;

(7) US 5,777,618;

(8) EP 0 993 184;

(9) US 5,189,510. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of EP 0 388 282;

(10) US 5,754,162. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of US 5,844,541;

(11) US 5,629,719. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of US 5,844,541;

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(15) US 5,682,179. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of US 5,844,541;

(16) US 5,831,592. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of US 5,844,541;

(17) US 5,619,226. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of US 5,844,541;

(18) US 5,784,046. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of US 5,844,541;

(19) US 5,420,608. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of EP 0 528 152; and

(20) US 6,417,888. This document is listed in the annex as a family member document of EP 0 993 184.

Copies of the above-listed documents (2), (3), (6), (7) and (9) – (20) are not included as these documents are US patents and because copies of US patents are not required under current USPTO rules. However, copies of documents (1), (4), (5) and (8) as well as a copy of the International Search Report is enclosed along with a completed copy of the PTO-1449 Form listing all of the listed documents. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to consider these documents and to indicate such consideration by returning a signed and initialed copy of the PTO-1449 Form with the first official communication.

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Applicant notes that this Information Disclosure Statement is being filed after the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits and before the mailing date of a Final Office Action or a Notice of Allowance. Accordingly, consideration of the enclosed document is required under 37 C.F.R. 1.97(c)(2) as Applicant is enclosing the required fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.17(p) in the amount of \$ 180.00.

Authorization is hereby given to refund excess payments and charge any additional fee necessary to have this paper entered to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Any questions concerning this request should be directed to the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,
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